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NATO Admiral in Lead For CIA Job, Time Says

NEW YORK (UPI) — Adm. Stansfield Turner, commander of NATO forces in southern Europe, is the leading candidate for nomination as CIA director, Time magazine says in its forthcoming issue.

Turner, 53, was a classmate of President Carter at the Naval Academy.

The periodical quoted White House sources as saying three or four persons were being considered but that Turner was the "serious frontrunner."

White House spokesman Walt Wurfel, asked about the Time report, said, "There are a number of appointments in the works and until the nominations are announced we can say nothing one way or the other on names that arise in speculation."

Time said the admiral seems to be acceptable to liberals because he comes from outside the CIA, and to conservatives because of his military background.

One Carter aide described Turner as "a military man with a highly developed social conscience."